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Sustainable

Seas

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"Few people seem aware that

there's another

North America underwater,

one that's as large as the

part that's above water,

and that the sea is the

foundation of life on earth.

It's my personal dream

that we do whatever we can

in our lifetime to protect

the wild ocean."

Dr. Sylvia Earle, Project Director Sustainable Seas Expeditions

Deep Worker

Vehicle Specifications

Length 8.25 ft. (2.4 m) **Payload** 250 lbs (114 kg) Beam **Life Support** 106 man hours 5.3 ft. (1.6 m) Height 5.75 ft (1.725 m) Speed 3-4 knots max Weight in air Crew Pilot: 1 1.3 tons

Operating Depth 2000 ft. (600 m)

Systems Description

Pressure hull: 38-inch sphere attached to 24-inch diameter by 36-

inch long cylinder. Manufactured of A516 grade 70 steel with 316 stainless steel hatch rings. Optional

aluminum alloy, or titanium hull.

Power Source: Two 18-inch diameter battery pods, each containing

10 high-ampere, deep cycle, AGM batteries. Nominal

voltage 240/24/12.

Maneuvering Control: Two main 1 H.P. thrusters, plus two angled 1 H.P.

vertical thrusters, angled sufficiently to give lateral control. 100 c.ft. ballast air provided to fill volume tank. Trim control surface by hard ballast tank.

Life Support: Two oxygen cylinders carried externally. Two

redundant, mechanical oxygen controllers with electronic monitoring (analog back-up) internal. Carbon dioxide removed via two scrubbers. Emergency

breathing gas via air B1BS.

Viewing: Single 30-inch dome which serves as entry hatch.

Sonar: "Modified" Imaginex switchable from standard scan to

ultra high resolution short range scan. Directional

hydrophone.

Manipulators: Equipped with "Newt-Arm," anthropomorphic, water

powered manipulator. Standard reach 6b feet,

extendable 12 feet. Multi-function, with wrist light and

video standard.

Communications: Surface VHF

Sub-surface: underwater radio

Optional Equipment: Tracking beacon, Xenon strobe, pinger, burial/

excavation pumps, sampling equipment, precision laser

measuring system, pipe tracker.

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